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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHODS	FOR	MINIMIZING PARTICLE LOSS
the specifica	ation of	which:
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	[X	was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under Serial No. 09/353,407 on July 15, 1999 and was amended on (if applicable)
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I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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